

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Construction of New Rail Lines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether survey work pertaining to construction of new lines between Gevera-Pendra Road, Chirmiri-Bakhadeeh, etc. in Chhattisgarh has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) the time by which clearance for the construction of these new rail lines is likely to be given along with the estimated cost thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d) Gevra Road-Pendra Road new line has been sanctioned and taken up through a Special Purpose Vehicle formed by South Eastern Coalfield Limited Government of Chhattisgarh and Indian Railway Construction Company Limited (IRCON). Land acquisition has been taken up. Completion of projects depends on a number of factors such as acquisition of land, forestry and wildlife clearance, shifting of various services, construction of Road Over Bridges/Road under Bridges by road maintenance departments, apart from arrangement of funds by Special Purpose Vehicle. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of the Ministry of Railways, it is not feasible to give time lines for completion of all the projects.

No survey for Chirmiri-Bakhadeeh new line has been conducted. However, Chirmiri-Barwadih new line project has been included in Budget 2013-14 subject to requisite approval. The project could not be taken forward as State Government of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Coal India Limited did not comply with the conditions put forth by erstwhile Planning Commission to share cost of the project.
